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Open Skies Consultative Commission

Chairmanship of Turkey

**STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
OPEN SKIES CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION**

**The procedure for the distribution of
active quotas for the year 2008**

With reference to:

- Article III, Section I, paragraph 7 of the Treaty on Open Skies,
- Annex L, Section II of the Treaty on Open Skies,
- Article X on the responsibilities of the OSCC,
- OSCC Decision No. 12/04,

The Chairperson of the Open Skies Consultative Commission (OSCC),

Taking into account the distribution process of quotas for the year 2007,

Suggests the following practical method in order to introduce a period of informal consultations in advance of the formal quota distribution process set out in the above references:

1. States Parties may begin the process of active quota distribution, in an informal format, earlier. States Parties may submit, informally, a draft list of those States Parties over which they wish to conduct observation flights and the number of such flights during the next calendar year by 14 September 2007, either by OSF34, by e-mail or by fax to all States Parties. All such requests will be incorporated into a matrix, as in previous years;

2. States Parties will then hold discussions on active quota distribution on 4 and 5 October 2007.

The formal 3-week negotiation period referred to Article III, Section I, paragraph 7 of the Treaty on Open Skies will commence, as usual, on 1 October and OSF 34s must be submitted by this date. The mechanism and timetable for distribution of active quotas will proceed in accordance with OSCC Decision No. 12/04.

The OSCC may review the effectiveness of this Chairperson's Statement in advance of the distribution of active quotas for 2009.